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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR

SUBJ: GENERAL JACOBS' COMMENTS ON BANGLADESH COUP

1. AT DINNER PARTY EVENING AUGUST 16, GENERAL JACOBS,  
COMMANDER OF INDIAN ARMY EASTERN REGION, TOOK ME ASIDE AND ASKED  
WHAT NEWS I HAD OF EVENTS IN BANGLADESH. I SAID REPORTS  
CONGEN HAD HAD SO FAR INDICATED THAT THE COUP APPARENTLY WENT OFF  
WITHOUT MUCH OPPOSITION AND THAT THE SITUATION IS NOW CALM.  
JACOBS SAID HE DID NOT HAVE MUCH INFORMATION BUT HE HAD HEARD  
THAT THERE WAS "CONSIDERABLE FIGHTING", NOT IN DACCA BUT IN  
OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

2. JACOBS SAID THE COUP WAS "DEPLORABLE." NOW, HE SAID,  
THERE WOULD BE NO STABILITY IN BANGLADESH, AND THERE VERY LIKELY  
BE COUNTERCOUPS AND FIGHTING. HE INDICATED PARTICULAR  
CONCERN OVER PRESS REPORTS THAT THE NEW REGIME INTENDS TO  
PROCLAIM BANGLADESH AN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC. I ASKED IF THERE  
HAD BEEN ANY MOVEMENT OF HINDU REFUGEES FROM BANGLADESH  
INTO INDIAN. JACOBS SAID NO, IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THAT. I ASKED  
IF INDIAN ARMY HAD TAKEN ANY MEASURES; JACOBS RESPONDED  
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WITH A NOT VERY INFORMATIVE "NOTHING SPECIAL."

3. JACOBS COMPLAINED THAT HE WAS GETTING VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON BANGLADESH EVENTS, NOTHING FROM THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN DACCA, HE SAID. HE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING I COULD PASS HIM AND WOULD CALL ME MORNING AUGUST 17.

4. COMMENTS: UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY I WILL PASS JACOBS ROUTINE NON-SENSITIVE INFORMATION ON BANGLADESH EVENTS. OF COURSE IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR WE WANT TO GET ACROSS TO HIM, WE HAVE A WIDE-OPEN CHANNEL.  
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